

Special Railway Fund

1496. SHRI R. S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are considering to set up special Railway Fund, by imposing an additional duty of 50 paise per litre on highspeed diesel;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Railways have received their share from Central Road Fund;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the projects on which this amount has been spent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) The Railways have received Rs. 200 crores in 1999-2000, Rs. 300 crores in 2000-2001 and Rs. 300 crores in 2001-2002 from the Central Road Fund.

(e) The receipts from this fund are being utilised for construction of Road overbridges/underbridges and also for manning of unmanned level crossings. Both on-going works as well as new works are financed from the receipts from this fund.

Crime and Accidents in South Central Railway

1497. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the South Central Railway is planning to spend Rs. 3 crore for providing passenger amenities such as sheds, drinking water facility and extension of platforms;
- (b) whether the Railways had already completed extension work of 8 platforms and work on 30 other platforms was in progress;